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1. A mock parade was staged in Zagreb on 25 March 1950 at 7 p.m. The parade began at the Zagreb Fair Grounds and wound its way through the streets of the city.
2. It was led by cavalymen dressed in the uniforms of countries under Soviet domination. Some of the more notable floats were:
 - a. Several trucks on which were mounted large cardboard cows being milked by Soviets. Each cow carried a sign identifying it as a Soviet satellite country.
 - b. Directly behind this was a truck on which was posed a huge sketch of a Soviet smiling contentedly.
 - c. Next came a truck bearing a cardboard replica of a section of the Kremlin. A sign on the clock tower informed the populace that the correct time could only be found in the Soviet Union.
 - d. One truck carried a large caricature of Marshal Rokossovsky holding a book in one hand. The sign nearby read: Marshallization of Poland.
 - e. Another truck bore a variety of characters identified as Ustashi, Chetniks, Germans and Italians - apparently signifying that they were in the same class as the Soviets.
 - f. Another vehicle carried a huge coffin on which was written: Reactionaries! Here lies Ante Pavelic.
3. Of interest was the fact that there were no attempts to ridicule the West, the Church, or opposition parties. These were the principal targets in pre-election parades of 1945.
4. The populace was led to believe that the parade and caricatures were prepared by Zagreb students. However, most of the planning and work was done by the Militia and one company of cavalry troops from Bedalica Ulica.

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